

Sacred Heart PPC Meeting
8.00pm Thursday 3 February 2022
Minutes

Attendees:

Annette Campbell-Black
Maria Christopher
David Hurst
Ruth Naylor
Canon John
Father Joe
Father Matthew
Deacon Julian Burling
Sr Dorothy
Eleanor Bowman, Youth Minister
Chris Woodward, Chair of the Finance committee

Apologies:

Siobhan Heffron
Jude Mariadoss
Anne Waldron, Chair

1.0 Minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2022

- The Ultimate Relationship booklets have been distributed and are available at the back of church. Canon John suggested we could give them out at Easter to try to catch people who come less often.
- Minutes from the previous PPC meeting were approved. David Hurst will add them to the notice board and send them to Paul to be published on the website.

2.0 Arrangements for Lent

- Eleanor reiterated her plans for a series of talks for the whole parish based on Sycamore.
- These are advertised in the newsletter and there is no need to sign up in advance. Each talk stands alone so parishioners are invited to attend when they can.
- Eleanor is looking to solve technical issues in the Upper Hall to show a video during each session and is creating a poster for the topics each week.
- Volunteers are sought for cake-making and Annette expressed interest.
- Chris has asked Mike to talk to George about fixing the light over the first station of the cross.
- Eleanor will have a Lent booklet available for families.
- There will be a Pancake party for the Youth Group.
- There will be a poster advertising the various Parish Lenten activities which Eleanor is producing.
- The Diocese is running an online retreat for Lent which will be published in the newsletter and David has collated details of other in-person retreats happening elsewhere.

3.0 Synod update

- On the 9 February, parish representatives Rachel and Daniel will meet the archbishop to discuss feedback received during the listening stage.
- 47 postcard responses and 35 online responses were received. Other responses have come through various channels: emails, in-person listening events and interviews. Eleanor has received responses from the Youth Group.

- Rachel noted the considered thought that went into some of the phenomenal responses.
- She also reported that it's been an honour to be involved in the process, sharing that she's had conversations with parishioners and her own family she would never otherwise have had.
- Rachel and Daniel are writing a report on the response using the headings Communion, Participation and Mission.
- Rachel emphasised that this is the listening phase of the Synod process and she expects it to be a continuing journey.
- The final report will be made available to the parish once it is compiled.
- There were various suggestions on how we share and act on findings. These included the idea of a Youth Parish Council and an open forum to discuss the report.
- Rachel suggested a Synod display in church, particularly using the artwork from the children which Eleanor is happy to facilitate.
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4.0 Community work updates

a) Community sponsorship programme – 'The Heart Project'

- Fr Matthew reported that we are seeking a volunteer to fulfil the role of Project Manager. Following interview, Alain Van West is the preferred candidate.
- The Project Manager will put structures in place for information sharing among all volunteers, and also replicating successful models from elsewhere, in conversation with community sponsorship experts Jackie McLaughlin and Sean Ryan.
- The house that has been found is sublet until September, which means the earliest we would welcome a family is October.

b) Night Shelter

- The Night Shelter is not happening this year. Conversations are ongoing with Merton Council to ensure it can happen for next winter.

c) Soup Run

- There was no update on the Soup Run. David volunteered to contact Damien to find out more about future planning.
- Eleanor and David both made the point that local schools have an interest in involving their students in community initiatives.

d) Merton Citizens

- David reported from the latest Merton Citizens leader's meeting.
- The advertised training sessions will be postponed. It is felt that more awareness of the work of Merton Citizens among parishioners is needed to maximise the benefit of training. Forthcoming parish events may offer new opportunities to advertise our involvement with Merton Citizens.

5.0 Sacred Heart School

- The school are still seeking a Foundation Governor.
- As Siobhan had to send her apologies for the meeting, there were no further updates.

6.0 New Parishioner's Event

- This is now scheduled for Sunday 26 June.
- Chris suggested having an International Food event in the Lower Hall and the parish groups setting up stalls in the Upper Hall.

7.0 AOB

- On Sunday 13 February the Environment Group will be celebrating the Climate Coalition month of February. The children will decorate green hearts to hang on a tree. Eleanor is to invite all the families at the 10am mass to participate.
- Thelma is working on getting a date to update the photograph of the PPC in the lobby.
- The Kairos Centre is booked for the PPC retreat on Saturday 19 March.
- On Wednesday 9 March the next Newman Circle talk is taking place. Suggestions for speakers are invited, to be sent to David.
- It was suggested that we organise a celebration for the Queen's Jubilee. Canon John proposed a street party style event on Sunday 5 June. It was agreed that Angela Maher and the breakfast team and the Catinians were key groups to involve in discussion.
- Eleanor has suggested that collating Edgeways could be a volunteering option for Duke of Edinburgh students.

8.0 Date of next meeting and roles

- Thursday 3 March 2022 at 8pm in the Parish Lounge
- David Hurst - Chair, Ruth Naylor - Minutes